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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Open Meeting for Representatives of Health Professional Organizations

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing a public meeting with representatives of health professional organizations. The meeting will be chaired by Sharon Smith Holston, Deputy Commissioner for External Affairs. The agenda will include a presentation by Dr. Jane E. Henney, Commissioner of Food and Drugs, sharing her priorities for FDA and the relationship between the agency and the health professional community. Other topics on the agenda are the sale of prescription drugs on the internet and direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription drugs.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, February 8, 1999, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, One Metro Center, Bethesda, MD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter H. Rheinstein, Office of Health Affairs (HFY-40), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-6630.

Those persons interested in attending this meeting should call Betty Palsgrove at 301-827-6618 to register. Registration also may be transmitted by fax to 1-800-344-3332 or 301-443-2446. Please include the name and title of the person attending, the name of the organization, address, and telephone number. There is no registration fee for this meeting, however, early registration is suggested because space is limited. Persons will be registered in the order in which calls are received.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for representatives of health professional organizations and other interested persons to be briefed by senior FDA staff. It will also provide an opportunity for informal discussion on these topics of particular interest to health professional organizations.

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